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IN RE APPLICATION OF: )

CALDWELL ET AL. )

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Serial No: 09/522,117 ) Examiner: V. Balasubramanian

Filed: March 9, 2000 ) Group Art Unit: 1624

For: COMPOUNDS CAPABLE OF ACTIVATING CHOLINERGIC RECEPTORS

RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following comments are presented in response to the Office Action mailed in connection with the above-identified application on September 4, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 21-27 are pending and rejected. Claim 21 is directed to N-methyl-5-(5-isopropoxy-3-pyridyl)-4-penten-2-amines. Claims 22 and 23 specify that the double bond is trans(E) or cis(Z), respectively. Claims 24 and 25 specify that the compound has an S and R configuration, respectively. Claims 26 and 27 are directed to specific N-methyl-5-(5-isopropoxy-3-pyridyl)-4-penten-2-amines, wherein the double bond is in the E form and the chiral center can be S or R, respectively.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Over Caldwell et al.

Claims 21-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious in view of Caldwell et al., U.S. Patent 5,861,423. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are in order for the following reasons.